Location of Visakhapatnam Railway Station

2161. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to change the location of the Railway station in Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to bring the railway station closer to the main track, to save time;

(c) if so, the present status of this proposal;

(d) by when, this proposal would be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Rail Consultancy Services of Malaysian Companies

†2162. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to avail of consultancy services of 'SSB' and 'Rainhill vaisekutu' two Malaysian Companies in respect of the work for laying double rail lines;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Jansatta' of 23rd February, 2002 to the effect that the Ministers of the Malaysian Government are intervening to set the Indian contract for consultancy services awarded to both the said Companies;

(c) if so, whether the set procedure is being followed for issuing the tenders of this and similar other projects; and

(d) the number of projects which are being run by IRCON, the Railway construction company and the number of projects under consideration?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.